

## WASHINGTON COUNTY GENERAL OUTLOOK

In 2008, Washington County's economy (particularly its construction industry) experienced a downturn. However, ten-year projections suggest that construction will rebound in the years ahead. In fact, construction occupations are expected to generate the highest number of openings between 2006 and 2016. Current projections also suggest that office/administrative support, food preparation/serving occupations and sales-related positions will continue to supply many new Washington County jobs. In general, employment expansion in Washington County is expected to outpace statewide growth. Health-related occupations are expected to show the most rapid rate of growth over the next decade. Other rapidly growing occupational groups should include food preparation/serving occupations, community/social services jobs, and computer/mathematical employment.



### WANTED: FITNESS TRAINER

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—**\$20.80**
- Utah Projected Openings per Year—110
- Utah Annual Growth Rate—3.2 percent
- Stars—★ ★

Description—Instruct or coach groups or individuals in exercise activities and the fundamentals of sports. Demonstrate techniques and methods of participation. Observe participants and inform them of corrective measures necessary to improve their skills.

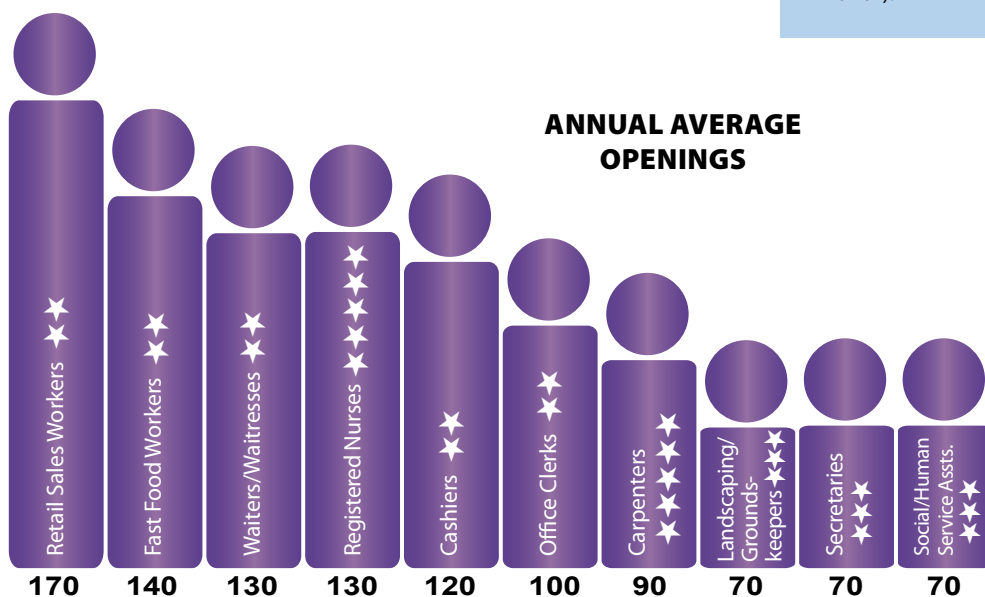
Consider this: While the pay is good, many of these jobs are part-time and usually require people to work weekends and nights. There may also be strong competition for the available jobs. When choosing a job it is important to think about the hours you must work, the type of work you will be doing, and whether there will be tough competition for jobs.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY STAR RATINGS

For Cache County, Washington County, and nonmetro projections, the star ratings are based on rankings within the two following training-level groups:

- Bachelor's Degree or Higher, Associate Degree or After-High School Applied Technology Training
- Experience in the occupation, Long Term On-the-Job Training (more than 12 months combined with classroom on-the-job training), Moderate Term On-the-Job Training (one month to one year) or Short-Term On-the-Job Training (less than one month).

## OCCUPATIONS WITH MOST OPENINGS 2006-2016 WASHINGTON COUNTY



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

## THE RATINGS

★★★★★ Five-star occupations have the strongest employment outlook and high wages.

★★★★ Four-star occupations have a good employment outlook and relatively high wages.

★★★ Three-star occupations have a moderate-to-strong employment outlook and low-to-moderate wages.

★★ Two-star occupations fall into two categories. Either they have a high wage and limited employment outlook or they have a low wage and strong employment outlook.

★ One-Star occupations have a limited employment outlook and low wages.

## CONSTRUCTION REBOUND

Ten-year projections suggest that construction will rebound in the years ahead. In fact, construction occupations are expected to generate the highest number of openings between 2006 and 2016.

## TRAINING LEGEND

PR = Professional Degree  
DO = Doctorate Degree  
MA = Master's Degree  
BA = Bachelor's Degree  
DE = Degree plus Experience  
AS = Associate Degree  
AT = Applied Technology  
RE = Related Experience  
LT = Long-Term OJT  
MT = Moderate-Term OJT  
ST = Short-Term OJT



### WASHINGTON COUNTY "FIVE STAR" ★★★★★ OCCUPATIONS BY TRAINING LEVEL • 2006-2016 BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, MORE THAN HIGH SCHOOL, & LESS THAN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

SOC	Training	Title	MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE
13-2011	BA	Accountants and Auditors	\$25.00
15-1031	BA	Computer Software Engineers, Applications	\$35.00
11-9021	BA	Construction Managers	\$65.00
29-2021	AS	Dental Hygienists	\$30.50
11-1021	DE	General and Operations Managers	\$28.50
11-9111	DE	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$35.50**
41-9022	AT	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$26.50
29-1111	AS	Registered Nurses	\$25.50

\*\* Statewide Wage

### WASHINGTON COUNTY "FIVE STAR" ★★★★★ OCCUPATIONS BY TRAINING LEVEL • 2006-2016 EXPERIENCE-RELATED, LONG-TERM, MODERATE-TERM, & SHORT-TERM ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

SOC	Training	Title	MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE
47-2031	LT	Carpenters	\$15.00
47-2051	MT	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	\$16.50
47-2081	MT	Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	\$16.50
47-2111	LT	Electricians	\$18.00
47-2073	MT	Operating Engineers	\$17.00
47-2152	LT	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$20.50
41-4012	RE	Sales Representatives, Nontechnical	\$19.50
47-1011	RE	Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction	\$22.00
35-1012	RE	Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	\$14.50
41-1011	RE	Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$15.50
53-3032	MT	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	\$16.50

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.



### WANTED: FOOD SERVICE MANAGER

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—**\$22.50**
- Utah Projected Openings per Year—160
- Utah Annual Growth Rate—2.8 percent
- Stars—★★★★★**

Description—Plan, direct, or coordinate activities of an organization or department that serves food and beverages.

Consider this—When choosing a job it is wise to seriously consider those that will have many openings and good pay.

### FASTEST GROWING WASHINGTON COUNTY OCCUPATIONS WITH 30 OR MORE ANNUAL OPENINGS 2006—2016



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

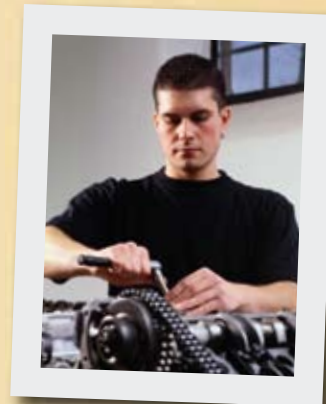




## FAQs

**Q:** If an occupation has a lot of openings, is that a guarantee that it will be easy to find a job?

**A:** No. Openings only tell you what's going on from the demand (or employer's) side of the labor market. The other factor to consider is supply (or workers). If there are many workers looking for employment in an occupation, then competition for those openings will be strong.

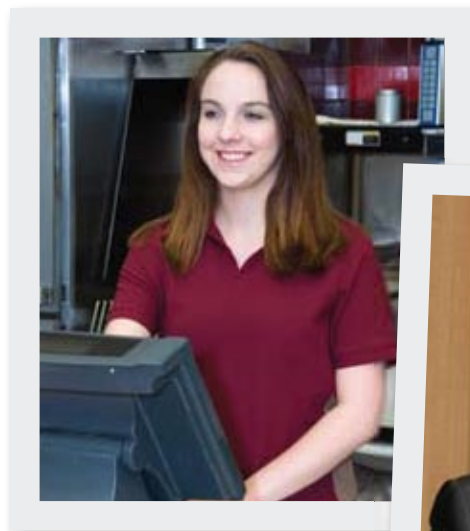


## WANTED: CASHIER

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—**\$8.00**
- Utah Projected Openings per Year—1,980
- Utah Annual Growth Rate—1.5 percent
- Stars—★ ★

Description—Receive and disburse money in establishments other than financial institutions. Usually involves use of electronic scanners, cash registers, or related equipment. Often involved in processing credit or debit card transactions and validating checks.

Consider this—This occupation has many job openings and a very low growth rate. However, most of the openings are created from turnover. These jobs generally require on-the-job training and the pay is usually low.



## NEW JOBS

Current projections also suggest that office/administrative support, food preparation/serving occupations and sales-related positions will continue to supply many new Washington County jobs.



## WASHINGTON COUNTY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS ANNUAL AVERAGE OPENINGS • 2006—2016



### OUTPACE STATEWIDE GROWTH

In general, employment expansion in Washington County is expected to outpace statewide growth. Health-related occupations are expected to show the most rapid rate of growth over the next decade.



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

## WANTED: COMPUTER SOFTWARE ENGINEER

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—\$37.60
- Utah Projected Openings per Year—360
- Utah Annual Growth Rate—5.0 percent

Stars—★★★★★

Description—Research, design, develop, and test operating systems-level software, compilers, and network distribution software for medical, industrial, military, communications, aerospace, business, scientific, and general computing applications. Set operational specifications and formulate and analyze software requirements. Apply principles and techniques of computer science, engineering, and mathematical analysis.

Consider this—This occupation is one of Utah's highest paying jobs, with 100 or more openings per year. Most of the openings will occur as businesses add new jobs. This job requires at least a bachelor's degree, and skills include analyzing needs and product requirements to make a design, mathematics, and programming. While it may require extensive education and training, this job is worth it because it pays so well and you will likely be able to find a job.

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## EDUCATION

Whether you view it from the perspective of wages or steady employment, education is by far the most direct way of helping to ensure for yourself a successful career over your lifetime.



## FAQs

**Q:** Where can I find more information?

**A:**

- Utah Department of Workforce Services: <http://jobs.utah.gov/opencms/wi/occi.html>
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/bls/occupation.htm>
- O\*Net—Occupational Information Network: <http://online.onetcenter.org>
- Career Information for Kids: <http://www.bls.gov/k12/index.htm>
- Utah Career Information: <http://careers.utah.gov/>
- U.S. Career Information: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/audience/aud-unemployed.htm>



## WASHINGTON COUNTY MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS ANNUAL AVERAGE GROWTH 2006—2016



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.



### WANTED: ARCHITECT

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—\$34.00
- Utah Projected Openings per Year—70
- Utah Annual Growth Rate—3.5 percent
- Stars—★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Description— Plan and design structures, such as private residences, office buildings, theaters, factories, and other structures.

Consider this— Women can do this job too! Architect is considered a non-traditional job for Utah women because there are very few who choose this line of work, compared to men. It is a high-paying professional occupation, but architects certainly earn that money when occasionally deadlines and workload require them to work in the evenings and on weekends.

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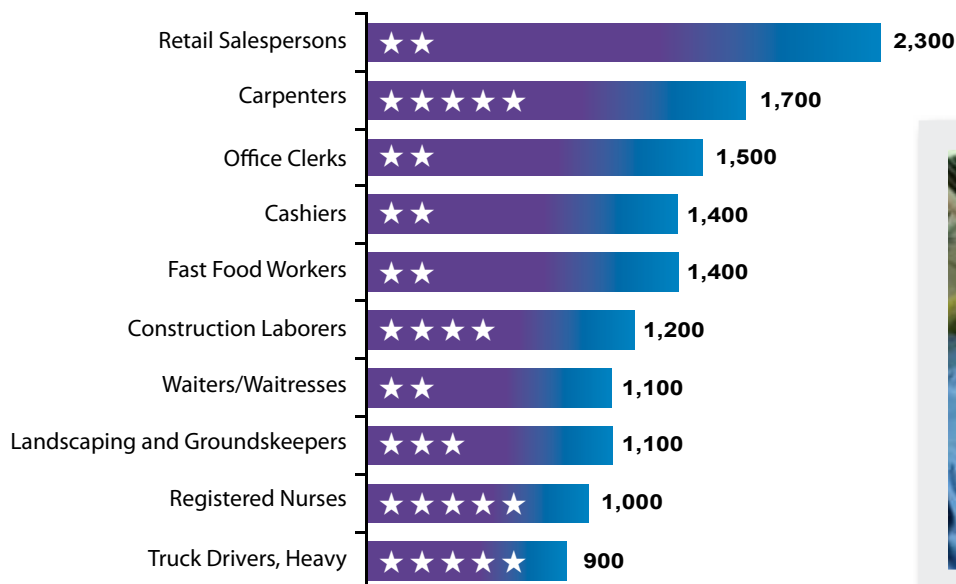


## RAPIDLY GROWING

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY OCCUPATIONS WITH THE HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT 2006



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

## WANTED: CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

- Utah Hourly Median Wage—**\$10.00**
- Utah Projected Openings per Year—410
- Utah Annual Growth Rate—3.7 percent
- Stars—★★

Description— Provide basic patient care under direction of nursing staff. Perform duties, such as feed, bathe, dress, groom, or move patients, or change linens.

Consider this—If caring for people is your cup of tea, a job as a certified nursing assistant is a great way to start in the healthcare field. The downside is the demanding physical work and the relatively low pay. However, hard work and a few more years of training can move you along the healthcare career path—possibly even into a career as a nurse (see page 23).

